

***BATTELLE ANNOUNCES THREE MAJOR EVENTS  
BEING CONDUCTED DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER  
AS PART OF THE ADVANCED MONITORING SYSTEMS (AMS) PILOT***

Three major events are being conducted during August and September by Battelle, a technology development organization headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, as part of the Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS) pilot, one of 12 pilots in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Technology Verification program (ETV).

EPA and Battelle are partners in the AMS pilot, whose objective is to verify the performance characteristics of commercially ready environmental technologies for air, water, and soil so potential purchasers and permittees are provided with an independent and credible assessment of the technology they are buying or permitting.

**First Vendor Meeting**

The AMS pilot's first vendor meeting will be held August 24 at Battelle's facilities in Columbus, Ohio, for vendors with portable systems for monitoring nitrogen oxide and nitrogen dioxide (NO/NO<sub>2</sub>).

"The major purpose of this vendor meeting is to give technology vendors the opportunity to suggest parameters for verification testing of portable NO/NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers and to plan the test schedule," said Karen Riggs, Battelle's program manager for the AMS pilot. "Technologies that monitor for NO/NO<sub>2</sub> emissions were identified as one of the key needs during our first meeting of air stakeholders in February," Ms. Riggs said.

**Stakeholder Committee Meetings**

The second meetings for the pilot's water and air stakeholder committees will be held September 10-11 in Seattle (water) and September 16-17 in Chicago (air). Committee members will review a generic protocol for evaluating air and water technologies, consider schedules for testing technologies, discuss other monitoring needs, and consider plans for issuing the next request for technologies to be sent to vendors.

The air and water stakeholder committees are comprised of 25 to 30 representatives of federal, state, and local environmental and regulatory agencies; trade and professional associations; business and investment companies; and other organizations. The role of stakeholders is to provide input from their various perspectives on implementing the AMS pilot.

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More information about the EPA's Environmental Technology Verification program can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.epa.gov/etv>. Information about the AMS pilot is at [http://www.epa.gov/etv/07/07\\_main.htm](http://www.epa.gov/etv/07/07_main.htm).